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Auction of County's surplus property set for September 13

The Henry County Auction of surplus property will be held September 13, 2008 at the former DuPont facility on DuPont Road. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the auction will begin at 8 a.m. Items for sale will include equipment no longer needed by County offices. If you would like more information on the auction, please contact the Henry County Purchasing Department at 634-4670.

Area residents complete CERT training

Sixteen area residents, including 11 Henry County Public Schools' cafeteria workers, recently completed a nine-week "Community Emergency Response Team" (CERT) training session through the Henry County Department of Public Safety. Course work included emergency preparedness, fire safety, basic first aid, triage, search and rescue, and incident command. Training was then put to use as students were given a disaster situation in which they had to work together to remove and care for patients.

In addition, the class was able to meet and talk with Carilion helicopter pilots and nurses that landed at the Henry County Emergency Training Center in August for a class on emergency landing zones. This was a rare and exciting opportunity for the students to be able to see inside one of the medical helicopters.

Congratulations to all of the students in the summer CERT 2008 class and thank you for making our community a safer place through disaster preparedness!

Individuals completing the CERT training were Norma Deskins, Tamayra Holland, Shemeka Jennings, Peggy Justice, Minnie Reynolds, Bobbie Woods, Shannon Clark, Jane Spencer, Hazer Penn, Louise Redd, Josephine Pilson, Tony Jennings, Annie Hylton, Sandra Gregory, Theresa Huston, and Delois Hylton.

Axton Life Saving Crew to host Safety Seat program

The Virginia Department of Health Safety Seat Distribution and Education Program will be at Axton Life Saving Crew located at 1200 A.L. Philpott Highway in Axton, on Saturday, September 13, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Safety Seat Program is a statewide child safety seat distribution and education program offered free of charge to eligible families. Safety Seat Technicians will be on site to check seats that people already own for proper installation. There will be an educational video shown on safety seats to all qualified participants wishing to get a child safety seat.

Those eligible for free seats must be a resident of Virginia and meet certain financial qualifications. For more information concerning the program or a local distribution site near you, call the Division of Injury and Violence Prevention information line at 1-800-732-8333 or visit our web site at www.safetyseatva.org.

There will be a limited supply of seats at the site, but those that qualify can be put on a waiting list with the Henry Martinsville Health Department. Staff will be on hand to get contact information. This Safety Seat Day was requested by the Axton Life Saving Crew to help raise awareness of the need for children to be properly secured in a safety restraint system.

Smith River Fest a hit with boaters

The inaugural Smith River Fest, held on Saturday, August 23, 2008, was a huge success, with over 240 boaters making their way down the river following a water release from Philpott Dam. For more info on the River Fest or to find out about other outdoor activities in our area, visit the Rivers and Trails blog, www.rivers-trails.blogspot.com.

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